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Serial No.: 09/474,642) Group Art Unit: 3629

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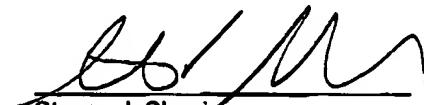
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Per your telephone conversation of today with Angie Altavilla from this office, enclosed please find a copy of the documentation, which was originally forwarded to the PTO on January 6, 2003, to the facsimile number indicated on page 12 of your July 5, 2002, Office Action - 703-305-7687, as follows: the Amendment in response to an Office Action mailed July 5, 2002, together with the Amendment Transmittal Letter, Petition for Extension of Time, and Proposed Changes to Drawings; the cover Memorandum; and our fax confirmation.

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3. Amendment Transmittal Letter (2 pages);
4. Amendment (14 pages);
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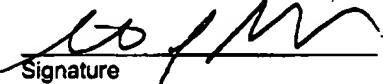
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